

**Don McClean****"Respectable"**

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Ah, it ain't so easy is it? You almost lost your place.  
And perhaps you're wondering how you're going to  
cope with your disgrace.  
Well your wealth is well established and your friends  
were never few,  
And all the things they told you of you're finding to be  
true.  
Well if truth can free the guilty while the innocent must  
die,  
Then I respect, respect, respect the coldest lie.

And you talk of human justice while you drive on fancy  
wheels.  
And you push them to their limit just to see how nice it  
feels.  
Well it doesn't really matter if she's living or she's  
dead,  
You just drive away forgetting that your bumper's  
dipped in red.  
Well if that's the kind of justice that our hall of justice  
claims,  
Then I respect, respect, respect old Jesse James.

And most cordially they caught you and they asked you  
to obey.  
And they threw you into prison, just in case you could  
not pay.  
Well King Arthur jousted Lancelot, who stole away his  
wife;  
And your lawyers jousted with the court to save your  
precious life.  
Well if living is what matters though you lie with every  
breath,  
Then I respect, respect, the ones we put to death.

And you won your case most easily and soon you will  
be free.  
But there will be a million more who lose their liberty.  
Not because of what they did, but what they did not do:

They did not pay a lawyer or a judge to see them  
through.

Why, they had no friends to call on and they could not  
raise their bail.

Well if winning is what matters, I respect the ones who  
fail

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